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GREENFIELD PLANNING BOARD JOINT PUBLIC HEARING WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Minutes of February 9, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Webex Meeting

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Desorgher called the EDC meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

EDC PRESENT Councilors Desorgher, Stempel-Rae, Hirschfeld and Elmer.
EDC ABSENT Councilor Wheeler.

CALL TO ORDER Chairperson Roberts called the Planning Board meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PB MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Charles Roberts, Vice Chairperson George Touloumtzis, James Allen, Amy McMahan and Emily Eash.

PB MEMBERS ABSENT: Mark Maloni.

ALSO PRESENT City Council President Penny Ricketts; Councilors Christine Forgey, Timothy Dolan and Daniel Guin; Community Development Director M.J. Adams.

CHAIR STATEMENT: This meeting is being recorded by the Economic Development Committee. If any other persons present were doing the same they must notify the chairperson at this time. No one responded.

PUBLIC HEARING - The public hearing was opened at 6:06 pm by Chairperson Desorgher of the Economic Development Committee.

Councilor Dolan provided rationale for the proposed zoning amendment he submitted. Councilor Elmer requested clarification if these proposed zoning amendments was moving the Greenfield economic landscape towards marijuana cultivation. Planning Board Chairperson Charles Roberts provided background on the Planning Board's previous discussions related to the proposed zoning amendments.

Shannon O'Brien from Greenfield Greenery, LLC. provided rationale for the proposed zoning amendment they submitted.



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The following members of the public spoke:

- Paul Jablon, Fairview St., spoke to his support for the proposed zoning amendments.
- Dennis Kunian, Fox Rd., Waltham, spoke to experience in working with communities in the establishment of marijuana cultivation.
- Ed Berlin, Orchard St., spoke in support for the proposed zoning amendments.

Councilor Stempel-Rae questioned why the Planning Board had forwarded a unanimous negative recommendation on these proposed amendments.

Mr. Kunian and Ms. O'Brien explained the setup of the grow facility to include how much acreage was involved at the proposed grow site on Leydon Road and the safety and security measures that would be taken by the grow facility.

Chairperson Desorgher asked if anyone else from the public wished to speak. The following members of the public spoke:

- Emily Seelman, Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, spoke to her support for the proposed zoning amendments.

Councilor Stempel-Rae asked for more details in regards to the security and its possible effects to neighboring residents.

Councilor Guin noted that the designated property had natural security measures that could benefit the growth facility.

Chairperson Desorgher asked if anyone else wished to speak or comment on this issue. Councilor Hirschfeld inquired if Greenfield Greenery, LLC, had contacted the abutters north of the proposed property for any concerns that may have had.

Chairperson Desorgher asked if anyone else wished to speak or comment on this issue. Seeing none, it was the consensus of the committee to close the public hearing at 7:00 pm for the Economic Development Committee.

Chairperson Roberts received consensus from the majority to close the public hearing at 7:01 pm for the Planning Board.

The Planning Board will deliberate and forward their recommendations at their next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021, 6:00 pm, via Webex.



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Adjournment:

MOTION: Without objection, the Planning Board adjourned their meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Twarog, AICP
Director of Planning and Development